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REMARKS

Claim 16 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 25. Claim 19 has been amended to recite a Markush Group.

Claims 1-29 are pending. Claims 1-29 are subject to a restriction requirement and a requirements to elect species.

Restriction has been required between claims 1-5, (Group I) said to be drawn to plant growth control methods; claims 6-15, (Group II), said to drawn to methods of insect repelling; claims 16-21, (Group III), said to be drawn to methods of seeding; claim 22 (Group IV), said to be drawn to plant growth pellets; claims 23-24, (Group V), said to be drawn to insect repellent pellets; and claims 25-29, (Group VI), said to be drawn to articles.

Claims 25-29 (Group VI) are provisionally elected. Claims 16-21 (Group III) have been amended to be in condition for rejoinder with claims 25-29. The requirement is traversed as between Groups III and VI as no reasons have been advanced to support a restriction requirement between them, and further because of the above amendment to claim 16. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the requirement as between Groups III and VI is therefore requested.

Election of species has further been required. Pertaining to the Group III claims, the requirement has been made to elect species of fertilizer. The species chicken litter is provisionally elected. Claims 16-21 read on the elected species. The requirement to elect species is traversed.

The requirement to elect species is improper at least as against the claims as amended in view of MPEP 803.02, which reads "If the members of the Markush group are sufficiently few in number or so closely related that a search and examination of the entire claim can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine all the members of the Markush group in the claim on the merits, even though they may be directed to independent and distinct invention."

As claim 19 only recites two members in the Markush group, it is submitted to be applicable, and reconsideration and withdrawal of the requirement to elect species as between fertilizer and chicken litter is requested.

Other species election requirements have been made but are mooted by the above election.

In view of the forgoing, reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement and species election requirement to the extent stated is requested, and favorable action on the claims of Groups III and VI is solicited.

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